

## NORDIC TUG NEWS

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### 1. MIDWEST NORDIC TUG NEWS

The West Marine Trawler Fest is scheduled for August 22-24, 2002 at Grand Haven, Michigan. There will be seminars and lectures on cruising the Great Loop and the Great Lakes and inland river system. Trawlers Midwest will host their owners at breakfast each morning of the Trawler Fest. We look forward to experiencing an increase in attendance by dealers, boat owners, and interested parties.

For more information, you can contact us at (920) 894-2632, Fax (920) 894-7151, or call 1-888-968-3378 or go to the web site at [www.trawlerworld.com](http://www.trawlerworld.com)

### 2. NORTHWEST RENDEZVOUS

The 2002 Northwest Rendezvous will be held June 13-16, at the **Port Orchard Marina**, Port Orchard, WA. As of 20 April, we have 52 boats registered for the rendezvous with only one couple not bringing their boat. We also have 2 boats coming whose owners are Nordic Tug "wannabe owners". With a total of 118 people, this may be the largest NW Rendezvous yet. There will be a reception on Thursday evening, buffet breakfasts Friday and Saturday mornings at Myhre's a potluck for Friday evening, with a sit down dinner at Myhre's on Saturday evening. Cummins NW Shoreline Marine Diesel, Marine Sanitation, Cap Sante Marine Westmar will be there for seminars on Friday. Mike Jorgeson of Cummins NW will do engine room inspections upon request on Friday and Saturday. We have a special guest demonstration on the proper way to back a Nordic, without the use of a bow thruster. There will be a "Merchants Poker" game, the Saturday Farmer's Market, and special arrangements have been made with Kitsap Harbor Tours for a tour with running commentary of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard waterfront. There are some fabulous door prizes that will be given away during the rendezvous. If you have not yet registered, please do so ASAP. Contact Charles Billings e-mail [cebboats@oz.net](mailto:cebboats@oz.net) or phone (360) 710-5419

### 3. NORTHEAST RENDEZVOUS

The 2002 Northeast rendezvous events will include a potluck supper at Essex Island Marina the evening of July 24. Boat hopping, a pork BBQ lunch provided by Beacon, workshops and a lobster fest at Essex Yacht Club are planned for Thursday, July 25 with a cocktail party hosted by Beacon Marine Credit and Fitzgerald Agency. On Friday, July 26, Nordic Tug, Inc is sponsoring a free buffet breakfast followed by an annual business meeting of the Northeast Nordic Tug Owners Association. A "dress-ship parade of boats"

will travel from Essex Harbor to Hamburg Cove where participants will raft-up on Wilde Yacht designated moorings. Saturday, members of the "fleet" will cruise together to 3 Mile Harbor in the Hamptons for a day of camaraderie on the water, cocktails on the beach and a sunset barbecue. All Nordic Tug Owners and those interested in pursuing the Nordic Tug Dream are encouraged to attend. It's not too early to sign up to guarantee dockage at the Island if you are coming by boat or to reserve a room if you coming by wheels. Reservation deadline for meals is June 17, 2002 (888) 447-6944, Boat reservations Essex Island Marina (860) 767-1267, room reservation at Griswold Inn (860) 767-1776, Comfort Inn, Saybrook (860) 395-1414.

In addition, plans are underway for our first annual Nordic Tug Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous to be held October 2-4 2002 at Osprey Point Inn and Marina in Rock Hall, Maryland. Check our web site for news [www.wildehyachts.com](http://www.wildehyachts.com)

### 4. SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Bay Area Nordic Tug Association (BANTA) Rendezvous held at Berkeley Yacht Club April 6 & 7th. I believe there were 10 boats in attendance. Arrangements by Rick Steinhardt and Janet Alderton, **SUNRISE** and John and Rosemarie Altberg, **DOMITOR II**. Jerry Husted and Joe Franett attended to represent the factory. Glenn Edens, **BLUE LUNA SEA**, a pioneer in the PC industry was honorary photographer and volunteered, under pressure, to set up a news group for BANTA. John Sanger, owner of hull # 32210, presented an excellent program on cruising the Northwest and far Northwest waters. John and Randi are very experienced cruisers aboard a Valiant sailboat. and are friends of other serious Nordic Tug cruisers. They can answer any questions on cruising the Channel Islands also. One couple attending, Joe and Arlene Colletto are now the owners of Nordic Tugs 52 - Not the first NT 52 but two 26's, **LITTLE TOOT & WEE WONDER**. One is berthed in the Bay Area and the other in Gig Harbor, WA. Prizes were provided by Cummins Northwest (Seattle), Cummins West (San Leandro), Marine Boatyard (Alameda), Star Marine Electronics (Alameda), and dinner wine was provided by Ballena Bay Yacht Brokers.

Look for advertising photos showing Nordic Tugs on San Francisco Bay. A photo shoot was conducted on April 13. Red NT-37038, **LAZY THYME** & Red NT-32213, a Ballena Bay stock boat were the stars. No boat is more photogenic than a red Nordic Tug.

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### 5. MIDSOUTH RENDEZVOUS (BI-ANNUAL)

The Mid-South Nordic Tug Rendezvous is sponsored by owners and by unanimous vote will be held again next year at Green Turtle Bay Resort and Marina on approximately the same dates (mid-October 2003). More information about the 2003 3rd Mid-South Nordic Tug Rendezvous will follow in the Spring 2003 Newsletter.

### 6. NORTHERN GREAT LAKES NEWS

Last year in June/July we participated with our 32' Nordic Tug **RELIANT** in "The Great Tug Boat Race" which has been held each year since 1982 at Sault Ste Marie, Ontario and benefits local challenged children. It was a well organized 3 day event centered at the Bondar Marina with excellent facilities and reserved dockage for participants. We hope to see Nordic Tugs in 2002 and perhaps we could have our own start! For details contact The Great Tugboat Race, c/o 104 Parkdale Drive, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario P6A 4C8 Canada or [www.soonet.ca/tugboat](http://www.soonet.ca/tugboat)

### 7. MAINTENANCE TIPS

**Hoyl Gill** tried to find the rubber mat for a cockpit hatch cover that was listed in the Fall 1994 newsletter. Brookstone could no longer identify the mat. Hoyl found a 24"x 36" Bacova mat at Lowe's that covers the hatch and keeps the water out. The cost is just under \$25. It is cust item #117180. Thanks Hoyl.  
**Bill Owel, LADY BUMP.**

**Chuck Markland** suggested that I check the oil reserve in my bow thruster. It was bone dry. There is a 1/2 inch plug towards the bottom. Remove the plug and dip stick to check for fluid level. The best fix I found was through Doc Freemans in Ballard, WA. They fixed me up with 1/2 inch hose barb pipe fitting, one foot of 1/2 inch fuel hose, 2 clamps, an oil reservoir bottle and clamp, all for less than \$15.00. Within 24 hours the thruster drank 1/2 of the bottle. **Jim Wood.**

**Bill Harphan, AUGENBLICK** sent this in; Someone has been telling people that the Northern Lights Gen sets that Nordic has been putting in do not require an expansion tank. This is not true. What they have done is run the relief cap tube down to the base of the sound enclosure. Every time the engine heats up causes the relief cap to lift up and discharge coolant on the base of the enclosure. I found this on my Gen set recently during the first oil change. After asking around, I was told this is why there are crystals covering the base. But don't worry because this will stop after a

while. The only reason this stops is because of a decrease of coolant in the generator. If the relief cap opens with reduced coolant level this will cause air to be sucked into the system. The purpose of an expansion system is as follows; Maintains a constant pressure in the system, prevents the formation of air or steam pockets in the system, serves to add make up water when needed, and provides the operator with a means of keeping an eye out for any problems with the coolant.

### 8. THE OTHER PERSON'S TUG

**Bob Calves** sent me this: Back in the mid 80's I owned a computer, one of the original Compaq "portable", a suitcase sized device with a six inch screen and 2 5 inch floppy drives (no hard disk). After the novelty of it wore off, I found that I used it only for word processing, and it was not very good at that. I gave it to son Brian (still a child then, it started his successful career), and purchased a Smith Corona word processor.

The Smith Corona was simple and easy to use. It was the size of a portable typewriter with self contained printer, keyboard, small floppy disk, and flip up screen. More importantly there was only one cable to hassle with (the power cord), and the only extras needed were paper and a spare ribbon for the printer portion. Easy to use? You bet! All word processor commands were labeled directly on keys.

After being my able helper for well over a decade, the Smith Corona has died and gone to heaven. Nobody makes word processors any longer, so I have been forced to buy a computer, primarily just for word processing. Since I live on a boat, travel extensively, no landline phone, and might get hooked on e-mail and "surfing the web", I purchased a portable "laptop" computing device made by Mr. Dell. The idea is that I can carry it ashore to the telephone jacks to connect to the world. To make this device small and light for the road weary traveler, the power supply is separate, so 2 cables are involved. A different power supply required to operate on 12 volts at anchor requires 2 more cables. Then the separate portable printer (Canon) is arranged in a similar fashion (120 volts shore power only) needing 2 more cables. And, of course a cable is required to connect the printer to Mr. Dell's computing device. Finally, admittedly at my option, I have a separate "mouse" having its own wire. The printer requires, in addition to paper, a box full of accessories of extra black and color ink tanks and car-

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tridges (one fits into the other). The Smith Corona had one simple instruction manual. I now have a pile of manuals, warranties, useless hardware and software registration cards, disks of back up software, disks to "install" the devices that plug into the computer, disks for free service to MSN and AOL, and more.

Have we made progress in this high tech digital world? I'm not so sure, especially when entangled by 8 wires! This letter looks exactly the same as if it had been produced on the fifteen year old word processor!

Anyway, I have arrived! My e-mail address is [bobdiamondsea@aol.com](mailto:bobdiamondsea@aol.com). Since I have to carry the computer ashore to check for e-mail, I probably will check it only a couple of times a week. When traveling, probably as little as once a week. Therefore as before, the best way to contact me is by cell phone.

### 9. WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**LAZY THYME:** The Lazy is for me, and since my wife is a chef, our "time/thyme" together. This is our first venture into boating and I will say we are having a ball! **Dave & Diana Mineck**

**SAWDUST:** Larry Christiana owns Christiana Millwork, Inc. They have cruised on their tug from the St Lawrence to Daytona Beach and hope to go over to the Bahamas in the future. **Larry & Joan Christiana**

### 10 YOUR NEWSLETTER

If you haven't sent any money during 2001 or 2002, please send in \$10. Please let me know about address changes promptly, as well as changes in names of boats, names of ownership, home ports, phone etc. If you have had a change, send the information to **Bill Owel, 6844 MAIN SAIL LANE, GIG HARBOR, WA 98335-5102 PHONE (253) 858-3481, Fax (253) 858-6164, E-mail [Ldybump@juno.com](mailto:Ldybump@juno.com)**

### 11. BUY, SELL, TRADE, LEASE

**For Sale:** 1981 26' Nordic Tug Hull # 26013 **SALTY** Unique design-level entry. Two side doors, two steering stations (wheelhouse and cockpit). Perkins Diesel Engine, 82hp, 1325 hrs, moored Edmonds, WA \$65,500. (425) 771-3561.

**For Sale:** 1997 26' Nordic Tug hull # 26171 **THE BUM BOAT**, blue hull full electronics, bow thruster, 140hp Yanmar, 515 hours, fresh water boat, immaculate condition, Ocean Marine a/c and furnace, Norcold ac/dc refrig, Origo alcohol electric stove. Located at L'Anse, MI 49946 Box 212 or call Jim Brown (906) 524-6843

**For Sale:** 1981 26' Nordic Tug Hull # 26012 **KATY-D** Sport style w/extended cabin, 80hp Ford Lehman w/Borg Warner Transmission, 1718 hours, \$45,000 call Gail at (907) 225-8685 or Dorothy at (360) 293-5240 boat is in Ketchikan.

**For Sale:** 1983 26' Nordic Tug Hull # 26068 **PATRICIAN**. For information e-mail [vdowns@telebyte.com](mailto:vdowns@telebyte.com) or ph (360) 692-4916

**For Sale:** 1990 32' Nordic Tug hull # 32038 **KITTIWAKE**. Cummins 210hp 1300 hrs, Ivory hull with dark blue trim, full electronics including 48 mile open array JRC radar with CRT, auto pilot, VHF, two depth sounders, color chart GPS, AM/FM/CD, TV/VCR. Two burner propane stove with oven, Norcold refrigerator, 6KW Northern Lights Gen Set, air conditioner heater, microwave, dinghy davits, CO2 fire suppression system, dripless shaft log, 200 gal fuel tank, swim platform. Boat located in Virginia. \$149,000. Call (703) 339-6035 or [wiseman110@aol.com](mailto:wiseman110@aol.com)

**For Sale:** 2000 32' Nordic Tug hull # 32148 **OMEGA**. Custom brick red w/ivory insert. Full electronics, auto pilot w/remote, wired for laptop hook-up. many custom upgrades, plus many NT factory options. 2 time Alaska/Glacier veteran. Sale includes 10' Achilles HB dinghy w/5hp Merc OB. Call Ben Murph (775) 885-9591 until mid/late May, then Anacortes Marina (360) 293-4543, they will give you my 360 area code cell phone number. See boat at Anacortes Marina, WA slip E-49. E-mail [BLMomega@aol.com](mailto:BLMomega@aol.com)

**For Sale:** 1996 32' Nordic Tug hull # 32083 **NITA LEE** red hull, Cummins 210hp, 3.5 Gen Set, new 6 cu ft refrig, new propane range & oven, new 24 gal water maker, AC/heat, inverter, battery monitor, auto pilot, digital depth sounder, new forward scanning fish finder, GPS, radar, windlass, rib dinghy, 9.9hp OB, bright work interior all in excellent condition, located in Louisiana \$175,000 e-mail [ostct@aol.com](mailto:ostct@aol.com) ph (985) 863-5150

**For Sale:** 1990 32' Nordic Tug hull # 32045 **NORDIC DREAM** Red hull with Ivory trim and top sides. Full electronics, AM/FM/CD, TV/VCR. 8hp Bow thruster, 5kw Genset, Reverse cycle air, Red Dot, ctra San sanitation treatment system, CO2 fire suppression system, Propane stove with oven, microwave, carpet throughout. Canvas for wood & windows. Sylray 11' dinghy with 3hp, swimstep, Cummins 115hp. Many extras. Turn Key \$149,950. Boat in Bellingham, WA e-mail [malahat@direct.ca](mailto:malahat@direct.ca) or phone (250) 478-8554.

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**For Sale:** 37' Nordic Tug hull # 37003 **CHICKCHARNEY IV** loaded, full electronics 500 engine hrs, all gear goes with the boat, available immediately, boat located in Miami, FL E-mail [kjcrispin@aol.com](mailto:kjcrispin@aol.com) phone (305) 856-5509 \$350,000

**For Sale:** 1984 26' Nordic Tug hull # 26085, **LADYBUG**, BMW engine, radar, VHF, diesel stove, Norcold refrig, stereo, new upholstery, bimini, canvas covers for doors & windows. \$59,000 Phone Curt or Donna (907) 463-3571 or e-mail at [tillikum2001@yahoo.com](mailto:tillikum2001@yahoo.com)

**Wanted:** 26' Nordic Tug, circa 1995 in the Southeast area. Contact Chip Worster ar (321) 773-5851 or [Olesalte@aol.com](mailto:Olesalte@aol.com)

### 12. ODDS AND ENDS

**Nordic Tug Owners Newsgroup** (e-mail) is operating. Povl Lasbo, receives and distributes the news to the subscribers - on behalf of the NTOA. We currently have over 200 subscribers. It's a great way to exchange info. [duckwalk@rockisland.com](mailto:duckwalk@rockisland.com)

**Bruce Campbell**, has continued to expand his web site which covers "Hiking Trails in British Columbia for Boaters or where to walk your dog". [www.island.net/~bcamp/](http://www.island.net/~bcamp/)

### 13. CRUISING WITH NORDIC TUGS

**Doug & Elaine Hobson** left Pittsburg November 3rd aboard **BRAVO**, HULL # 37050. Bravo awaits their return from the holidays in a Clearwater FL marina. They will continue their Great Loop Cruise.

**Roger Jones & Peggy Haretos** write "We own **SEREN\*CLAER** which is now based at the Halifax Harbor Marina in Daytona Beach. Our house is just a short way from the harbor area on the Inter Coastal Waterway and we would love to hear from Nordic Tug Travelers when they are in our area. Our phone is (386) 399-4919. Nordic crews are invited to come ashore for whatever, be it a good hot shower, or washer/dryer use, or visits to a grocery, etc. Have car - will furnish local transportation if we are here and not off on our own tug. Last year we put 6,000 miles on Seren\*Claer - from Florida to Buffalo via the Erie Canal, the Bahamas, the Florida Keys, etc. This summer we'll take Seren\*Claer back to the Erie and Cayuga Lake (for my Cornell U reunion) and then on up to Lake Ontario and Canadian waters.

We are presently installing a canvas cover over the rear cockpit. It will be interesting to see how it turns out. It's more than a Bimini and less than a fully permanent rig. We also installed 2 big solar panels on the pilot house roof

- and they relieve the dependence on the genset while at anchor. At peak, they put out 13 amps. They are among the many other non-standard features aboard, including Ham radio, fuel purification system, inverter, etc. She is a li'l boat with lots of big boat features.

**Bud & Anne Perfit** write Our Nordic 37' is called **LOVELY NAN** with a home port of Treasure Island, FL. After years of cruising, (we get smart too late), in a variety of boats including Krogens, a 36' and a 42', a 34' Sabrelina sedan, a 42' Grand Banks Classic and a 32+2 Albin, my wife and I agreed that our dreamboat would be a pilot house cruiser, (for shade and climate controllability), no more than 40' long (for ease of single handling). Our dreamboat would cruise easily and comfortably at 10-11 knots and run faster to catch a once each hour bridge, or run from a squall or get anchored before dark. We found the Nordic 37's low profile meant we are able to steam right under most ICW bridges.

Our dreamboat would also have to be equipped for southern hot weather cruising and New England cool summer cruising, be spacious enough for two most of the time, but accommodate a guest or two for short periods. We looked at the Nordic 37' at Traditional Yachts, but turned it down because it didn't have a big enough generator and electric system to support the air conditioning we knew we'd miss.

A friend told about Greg Sturgis at Offshore East Yachts. We looked at the boat and the way he equipped it - 8 Kw Northern Lights, three air conditioners, larger fresh water tank, larger refrigerator, 7 HP bow thruster, bronze oversize cleats, and we realized he had done almost everything we would have wanted. We took delivery in July 2001 and our trip to Sea Cliff, Long Island, NY and return home to Treasure Island, FL, some three thousand nautical miles, reinforced our belief that Greg Sturgis knows how to equip a Nordic 37' and make it a great all weather cruising boat. By the way, the Nordic's heating system is a joy, too. All up and down the East coast, dock boys told us that the few Nordic's they had seen so far were really loved by their owners. We told them they could add us to the list.

The Nordic looks just like a bathtub toy I had when I was four or five years old and everywhere we go people seem to admire it for its different look, but personally I would like its looks more if it were finished in a more workboat way. And I wish the graphics were a bit more subtle. It's the performance

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and amenities that sold us and keep us sold. Any suggestions on where to install a small clothes washer/dryer?

### 14. ASK THE FLEET

**Pete Bradshaw, RETTA J** asks: What sort of a boarding/swim ladder owners of 26's have found best? The stern platform isn't far off the water; but it's still awkward to get aboard for us older folks. We have the hydraulic stern thruster, so an over-platform type would seem best. The problem I've encountered is that our 16" wide platform is too narrow for most stock ladders. Anyone have a suggestion?

I'd also like to learn about best ways to create and mount a cockpit sun shade with, say, 6' - 6'2" of standing headroom. Contact Pete at 488 Lakeview Shores Loop, Mooresville, NC 28117-6633 or ph (704) 664-3013, fax (704) 664-5344.

### 15. BOAT SHOW SCHEDULE

Seattle Shilshole Bay Marina, Aug 14-18

Racine, Wisconsin, Aug 15-18, 2002

Trawler Fest Grand Haven, MI Aug 22-24

NCMA Boat Show, Oakland, CA Sept 7-15

Lake Union Boats Afloat Show Sept 11-15

Metrobeach, Detroit, MI September 14-22,

Norwalk, CT Intl Boat Show Sept 19-22

Trawler Fest, Sept 25-28 Solomons, MD

US Powerboat Show, Annapolis, MD Oct

Winter Boat Show, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL January 1-5, 2003

### 16. DEALER NEWS

**Trawlers Midwest** We have a complete inventory of all three sizes of Nordic Tugs on display in Manitowoc. The car ferry between Ludington, Michigan and Manitowoc, Wisconsin starts its 2002 season on May 17th. Many of our prospective customers from Michigan take the four hour ride on the ferry to come and see us and the tugs. We look forward to seeing many of you at the trawler fest and at the show. Make it a great year of boating. [www.trawlersmidwest.com](http://www.trawlersmidwest.com) and our e-mail [trawlers@trawlersmidwest.com](mailto:trawlers@trawlersmidwest.com)  
**Ken & Karen Schuler**, 18312 Split Rail Ln, Kiel, WI 53042, phone (920) 894-2632, fax (920) 894-7151.

**Wilde Yacht Sales of Essex, CT.**

A traveling boat show featuring 2002 Nordic Tugs is planned for the New York

State Canals and Hudson River this summer. Wilde Yacht Sales is charting a course from the Connecticut River to the Hudson, departing from Essex Harbor June 18. Among the major stopovers planned for the 37' Nordic Tug will be Kingston on the Hudson River, Troy, Schenectady, and Sylvan Beach, at the east end of Oneida Lake. Plans are for stops in Seneca Falls before heading north to Oswego and on to Rochester in the first leg of the 1374 mile journey by water.

On July 4 the Wilde teammates will change Captains and crew in Oswego, NY for the second half of the journey. Because of the many calls from future tug owners and Canadian restrictions, the return route from Oswego has been revised to include additional stops along the Barge Canal back to Troy and if time permits, a 2 day stop in the southern end of Lake Chaplain. The cruise ends back at Essex Harbor the week of July 15 in time for the second annual Nordic Tug Owners Northeast Rendezvous scheduled to begin July 24 through 26 at Essex Island Marina. Visit us at the Lighthouse in Essex, Connecticut. All three 2002 Nordic Tug models are on display in Essex Harbor. Web site [www.wildehyachts.com](http://www.wildehyachts.com) e-mail [wildeben@aol.com](mailto:wildeben@aol.com) ph (860) 767-2540, (888) 447-6944. fax (860) 767-1989.

**Nordic Tugs of Alaska.** With a lot of mixed emotions, we have decided to sell our charter business. But only to some one who will continue to take care of our chartering friends. We feel a keen sense of responsibility to you folks that have made our business a success. We currently have 2 parties who have said that they would like to have this business. We have not advertised it yet so there may be 20 people who are ready to buy! What shall we do? Have an auction sale? We still have a few charter openings. If you have called and could not get the time you needed, please call again. There has been a few cancellations and rearranging of schedules. Questions? Kent Fagerstrom, PO Box 020006, Juneau, AK 99802 (907) 586-2844 fax (907) 463-5884 cell (907) 321-1019.

**Ballena Bay Yacht Brokers**, 1150 Ballena Bay Blvd #121, Alameda, CA 94501 phone (510) 865-8600 Check out our web site [www.ballenabayyachts.com](http://www.ballenabayyachts.com) Lenard Lee and Jim Moore attended the 2002 Nordic Tug dealers meeting in Burlington in March. Lots of new ideas and improvements in the works. We hope any Nordic Tug owners in transit, either up or down the coast will stop at Ballena Bay. You'll find a small chandlery, nice deli for breakfast and

lunch, a restaurant about to re-open under new management, the lowest fuel prices in the Bay and the nicest micro-climate in Northern California. Give us a "heads-up" call at (510) 865-8600.

**Offshore East Yacht Sales, 2300 East Las Olas Blvd, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33301 phone (954) 779-1021, contact Greg Sturgis or Gary Slatkow e-mail offshoreeast@cs.com.**

**Higgins & Smythe Yachts, Watergate Yachting Center, Suite 1460, 1500 Marina Bay Drive, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565 phone (281) 334-7533 fax (281) 538-2441**

**Skipper Cress Yacht Sales, PO Box 726 (1019 Q Ave, Suite B) Anacortes, WA 98221 (800) 996-9991 info@skippercress.com**

**Annapolis Sailyard, Inc. Located on the Annapolis Harbor at 326 First Street, Suite #18, Annapolis, MD 21403, phone (410) 268-4100, fax (410) 268-2974 e-mail andrea@sailyard.com**

#### **17. THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings from Nordic Tug Land!! Lots of new and exciting things to talk about, all good news. We have begun a very healthy recovery from last year's challenging economic times. While not our best year ever, we were blessed to finish 2001 profitably and picking up speed for what promises to be a year filled with opportunity. This season finds us busily developing some wonderful new choices for the 2003 model year. I won't try to describe them in detail, but simply to whet your appetite for more information.

Let's start with the long talked about 52' Nordic Tug. It's official! Construction has begun on the first one, with an anticipated launch date of March 2003. We will officially introduce this newest member of the family to the public at the "Fleet of Dreams" boat show in May of 2003 on Lake Union in Seattle. We anticipated building this boat for a Nordic Tug owner, perhaps as a "move up" from a 42' or smaller Tug. Lots of interest, but all likely prospects were somewhat reluctant to get involved with the first one, so we did the only sensible thing; Stephanie and I will take the first one, allowing the factory access for the first year or so to refine the product. We expect to "campaign" the Tug quite actively for a year or two here in the Northwest, participating in every boat show, rendezvous and other opportunity to introduce all of you to the new "Queen of the Fleet". If she's not sold during that time we will cruise her to SE Alaska and back, then down the coast,

through the Panama Canal and over to the Virgin Islands, where we keep our 42', the **ISLAND TUG**. The first one will be built with twin 480c Cummins and two luxurious staterooms. But there are many ways this can vary to accommodate your cruising needs. Contact your local dealer for more information.

We have some interesting surprises in store for the 42' as well. These are still being developed and I'll keep you posted in upcoming Newsletters. Expect the 2003 42' to debut in the Winter Boat Show season.

For the 2003 37' Nordic Tug. you will have the option of choosing a very roomy single cabin version with lots of room personalized to your cruising needs. This has been asked for by many of our customers since the beginning of the 37' series. Yes, the very successful 2 cabin version is still standard. "If it isn't broken, don't fix it".

As for the 32', I will only say I think you're really going to like it! I just returned from a road trip that took me through northern Wisconsin on Dealer Development duty, and then to Annapolis, MD (my second favorite city) to support our most recent addition to the family of Nordic Tug Dealers, Annapolis Sail Yard. Jay LeBow and his entire staff did a wonderful job of presenting our 500th Nordic Tug (#37075) to the Chesapeake Bay boating community.

On that subject, Nordic Tugs has just had it's 22nd birthday. We were incorporated in May of 1980. 22 years, during which we've produced 172 of the much loved 26's, over 220 32's, 75 37's and over 40 42' Nordic Tugs. I guess a person could say we've helped lots of dreams to come true! I certainly hope so! And this is only the beginning! We are truly in the "Dream Business". Bring us your dreams!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank and congratulate Jerry Husted, co-founder of Nordic Tugs, Inc. It was Jerry's creative imagination and dreams that began this whole adventure. We all owe him a big **THANK YOU!!** By the way, Jerry is still the skipper of our Sea Trial crew, and does every sea trial personally. He has done the trials on 498 of the first 500 Tugs. Keep up the great work, Jerry.

Well, I could go on for a lot longer, but guess I better save something to write about next time. So for now, Happy Cruising! Live your Dreams and have a great cruising season.

**Jim Cress, President.**